(b) A total of 5962 persons have been provided employment till 31st March, 2004. No case of employment of eligible displaced persons/ families as per Rehabilitation & Resettlement policy of Coal India Ltd is pending.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part 'b'.

Vacant posts in BSNL and MTNL

†1637. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of various categories lying vacant in different circles of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. as on 31st July, 2004;

(b) since when these posts are lying vacant and the details of the action taken by Government to fill the same; and

(c) by when, all these vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Teledensity in the country

†1638. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the existing rate of teledensity in the telecommunication sector in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of share of BSNL's telecommunication services provided in urban and rural areas of the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of teledensity and share of BSNL telephone connections in urban and rural areas of the country as on 30.6.2004 are given in the enclosed Statement.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement

State-wsie details of teledensity and share of BSNL telephone connections in Urban and Rural areas as on 30 06.2004

Sl No	State	Teledensity (BSNL/MTNL+ Private Operators)	Telephone Connections C Landline+WLL+Cellular)		
			Rural	Urban	
			BSNL	BSNL	Others (MTNL+Pvt Operators)
1	Andaman and Nicobar	11 76	21366	23679	0*
2	Andhra Pradesh	8.20	1349749	2460061	2651571
3	Assam	2 25	138206	426700	67175
4	Bihar	1.75	396754	724994	441604
5.	Chhattisgarh	1.64	83268	276133	0*
6	Gujarat	10.63	853238	2382426	2530127
7.	Haryana	8 76	393918	955692	642376
8	Himachal Pradesh	10.87	317600	250081	126159
9	Jammu and Kashmir	3 11	52268	287595	0
10	Jharkhand	2 02	99132	479015	0*
11	Karnataka	10.03	868628	2231581	2452027
12.	Kerala	15 76	2135199	1581440	1452488
13	Madhya Pradesh	4 25	333261	1159833	1252942
14	Maharashtra	8.43	1362840	3157362	2780261
15	North East	3 16	105365	288199	12012
16	Onssa	3 10	312255	662875	215465
17	Punjab	18.59	820993	1502012	2633993
18	Rajasthan	4 87	628014	1478503	861473
19	Tamil Nadu	9.12	816461	2453436	2059212
20.	Uttaranchal	5 40	99706	383174	0*
21	Uttar Pradesh	3 21	676107	3073955	1970974
22	West Bengal	2 29	583387	837958	200652
23	Kolkata	20 51	0	1489582	1375859
24	Chennai	40 60	0	1201041	1546436
25	Delhi	43.74	#	#	6763792
26	Mumbai	38 16	#	#	6765324
	TOTAL:	7 49	12447715	29767327	38801922

*Telephone connections provided by others in Andaman and Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttaranchal are reported as in West Bengal,Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh respectively.

#MTNL is operating in Delhi and Mumbai.